

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

Friday, the 11th August 1933|27th Karkatakam 1108.

The Assembly reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11 of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of the Superintendent, Stationery Department.

62. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thodupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the name and qualifications of the present person who is doing duty as the Superintendent of Stationery;

(2) whether when the office of the Superintendent of Stationery was vacant, at least temporarily, a Superintendent from the Secretariat was not given that post;

(3) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, why a Superintendent from the Secretariat was not given that post when the permanent officer went on leave preparatory to retirement;

(4) what the pay and designation of the present officer who is put in charge of the Stationery Department was before he was put in independent charge of it; and

(5) whether there were not Superintendents from the Secretariat willing to accept the post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Mr. L. C. Koshy—Qualifications: Academic qualifications nil. Long service and experience in the Department.

(2) Such an arrangement was made once.

(3) The Superintendents, of the Secretariat have no claim to be appointed as Superintendent, Stationery Department. The permanent officer has not gone on leave preparatory to retirement.

(4) Assistant Superintendent and Store-Keeper on Rs. 125.

(5) Government did not enquire.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thodupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know from the member, the academic qualification possessed by the present Superintendent of Stationery.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Nil.

Kannan Devan Hills Concession.

63. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many square miles or acres of land out of the area included in the Kannan Devan Hills Concession have been brought under cultivation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 44,838'04 acres.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any tax is realised?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the land revenue derived from that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Tax is realised at the rate of half a rupee per acre.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Does the Department realise anything from uncultivated portions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Tax at the rate of 2 annas 8 pies per acre of grass land used for homestead, for garden lands, farmstead &c., is also realised.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how many acres of lands are lying uncultivated in that area?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 92,134 acres.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Why is it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is left with the K. D. H. P. Company, to cultivate all these lands or not, under the agreement.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that agreement could be cancelled and the lands taken back?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnamad I*): May I know whether any arrangement has been made to ascertain the actual extent of land cultivated?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ കൺസഷൻ എന്നാണ് നവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): ചുരുക്കം ഒരു എഗ്രീമെന്റുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്, പിന്നീട് ചുരുക്കം-എന്ന ഒരു എഗ്രീമെന്റുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽ രണ്ടാമത്തെ എഗ്രീമെന്റനുസരിച്ചാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ കരം പിരിച്ചുവരുന്നത്.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ കൺസഷൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമിയിൽ നാലിൽ മൂന്നു ഭാഗവും കൃഷിക്കുപയുക്തമാക്കാതെ കിടക്കയാണെന്നറിയാമോ?